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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 09/586,964

Examiner: L. Wong

Filed: June 5, 2000

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING PREPARED FROM LIQUID
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND SORBITOL

November 5, 2002

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 1 and 18 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) Sugar-free hard-coated comestibles consisting of a hard coating and an edible, chewable and/or pharmaceutical core characterized in that at least one layer of the hard coating is obtained from a liquid mixture of sorbitol and erythritol wherein the dry substance of the mixture comprises between 1% to 50% w/w erythritol, said layer being in direct contact with said core, sufficiently close to the core to effect adhesion to said core, or both; and said mixture forming a substantially homogeneous layer.